

BOERS DEFEATED WITH HEAVY LOSS.

Force of 2,000 Surrounded at Orange River and Many Killed and Wounded.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The report of an other severe battle resulting in a British victory, is current here. According to the story, the fighting began at daybreak to-day and lasted for several hours.

The Boers, who numbered from 1,500 to 2,000 men, were surrounded at the Orange River and totally defeated, with very heavy losses in killed and wounded. A number of Boers, it is added, were captured.

Commandant Haasbroek, with a command of two guns, tried to get through Springboks' Nix, but was driven back, losing forty men.

A third disaster has befallen the British in South Africa in the defeat of a detachment of Brabant's Horse and the capture of 120 men.

This is the third within a week, with a loss of more than 1,000 men. Kitchener has called a new and urgent request for every mounted man that can be spared to be sent to the front. Public anxiety is at a high pitch today over the new turn of affairs, and for the first time in months the War Office was open all yesterday.

It is said that Gen. De Wet, instead of being chased by the British in the recent movements, fell upon their lines near Taba Ndu and captured and destroyed a great quantity of guns, ammunition and stores, crippling Kitchener's column badly. This news, it is said, is suppressed by the War Office.

To-day's news was somewhat tempered by the report that after a fight lasting all day at Vryheid on Dec. 19 the Boers drew off at evening with a loss of 100 killed and wounded. Kitchener's despatches show that fighting is going on all along the line from one end of the two republics to the other.

The latest disaster to the British troops occurred at Zastrin in the Orange Free State and close to the border of Cape Colony.

The Boers attacked a detachment of Brabant's Horse said to consist mainly of raw recruits. They killed four, wounded sixteen and captured 120.

The Boer activity since the reorganization of their army is gradually convincing the public that terms will have to be made, and a movement to force the Government to concede liberal terms is under way.

MASERU, Dec. 18.—It appears that De Wet's force was twice repulsed before it broke through the British lines in the neighborhood of Thabane.

In the third attack De Wet led in person. With a few determined men he charged and broke the British lines, the rest of the command following.

He was forced, however, to leave in the hands of the British a fifteen-pounder and fifteen wagons with ammunition and stores.

It is thought that the guns, the treasure chest and, perhaps, part of the null will be salvaged.

The cadets, clustered in the rigging, could be seen from the shore shouting and waving their caps as the angry sea rose up and swallowed them.

The disaster came about the middle of Sunday morning. A review was given for the first time in the harbor, with a large number of spectators.

Malaga abandoned its holiday gaieties. The theatre was closed. The hospital, the Hotel de Ville and many private houses are filled with wounded survivors.

The Guelesau was a ship-rigged steamer of 2,500 tons. She was 212 feet 3 inches in length and 45 feet 11 inches beam. Her complement was 850, and she was used as a training ship. Since Nov. 1 she has been off Malaga practicing with guns of heavy calibre.

BRITAIN, Dec. 17.—An official despatch received here to-day from Malaga accounts for 31 survivors out of the 450 persons who were on board the German training frigate Guelesau, which foundered at the entrance to the port of Malaga.

SHIPPING NEWS.
ALANAC FOR TO-DAY.
Sun rises, 7:15; sets, 4:54; Moon rises, 8:01.

PORT OF NEW YORK.
ARRIVED.
Victoria, from Seattle, 11:30 a.m.
Algonquin, from Seattle, 11:30 a.m.
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OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS.
SAILED TO-DAY.
Jameson, Norfolk, 11:30 a.m.
Tallman, Demerara, 11:30 a.m.

INCOMING STEAMSHIPS.
DUE TO-DAY.
Tallman, Demerara, Rotterdam, Rotterdam.
Algonquin, from Seattle, 11:30 a.m.

Money Needed for Yale Athletics.
In a public letter a committee appointed by the managers of the various Yale athletic teams...

MISS ROCKEFELLER IS CURED OF DEAFNESS.



Hears World's Queenstown Correspondent Ask if She Is Cured.

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(Special Cable Despatch to The Evening World.)

QUEENSTOWN, Ireland, Dec. 16.—The World's correspondent found Miss Alta Rockefeller today on the promenade deck of the steamship Campana when that ocean liner arrived in the harbor here from Liverpool to take on mail and passengers for New York.

The weather was delightful, and she was leaning over the rail, talking with the young man she is engaged to marry, Mr. Edward Prentiss Parmelee.

The correspondent approached Mr. Parmelee and quietly asked if Miss Rockefeller's deafness had been cured.

"She is as well as she can be," Mr. Parmelee answered somewhat abruptly. "I don't know how those stories about her spread."

Declining to say anything further, he turned to Miss Rockefeller, and both laughed heartily.

Then they talked together, appearing to converse with ease. Miss Rockefeller betrayed no sign of difficulty in hearing.

New charges of hindering justice have been made against District Attorney Gardiner.

A messenger from Gov. Roosevelt filed with Col. Gardiner today ten typewritten pages of accusations.

If he fails to answer he must go before Roosevelt personally on Saturday. He is given until Thursday to file his answer at Albany.

Gardiner is accused of delaying the trial of election fraud cases by using the powers of his office to interfere with the action of the State Attorney-General.

The specific instance of discord occurred last Tuesday, when Deputy Attorney-General Hammond appeared before Recorder Gott to prosecute six alleged violators of the election law.

Gordon denied the charges, moved the trial of Henry Zeimer, the "divorce mill" prisoner.

Hammond objected, saying that the Attorney-General had been at great expense and trouble to get witnesses in the election cases, and he wanted the trial to go on.

Gordon is said to have remarked that the cases were not so important as the regular criminal prosecutions, and thus to have roused Hammond's indignation.

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It was commented upon about the criminal court building that Gov. Roosevelt's term of office expires at midnight, Dec. 31, and that Col. Gardiner given only until the 22d to make answer to the charges.

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The Attorney-General will do nothing until he receives orders from Gov. Roosevelt, who is at Oyster Bay.

After a long conference between William J. Youngs, secretary to the Governor, and Attorney-General Davis, it was learned to-day that an important document arrived in this city yesterday afternoon and was the subject of a conference last night at the rooms of the Attorney-General at the Hotel Ten Eyck.

Mr. Youngs did not deny that charges had been prepared. In the absence of Gov. Roosevelt he did not believe he should say anything on the matter.

At the belief that the capital that no matter what the charges comprehend they will not be disposed of by Gov. Roosevelt. His term of office will expire in two weeks, and they could not be investigated in that time. The probability is that Gov. Roosevelt will leave them for the consideration of Gov. Odell.

Three Nurses Dismissed.
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BRIG'S SAIL SET, CREW ALL GONE.

Electric Light Had Top-hammer Wrecked and Decks Deserted.

The Italian steamer Vincenzo Florio, which arrived today from Naples, reports that on Dec. 13, at latitude 37.08, longitude 55.55, a wrecked and dismantled vessel was sighted. On approach she was found to be named Electric Light. Her hulling port was Georgetown, British Guiana.

The rudder was smashed, the bowsprit snapped off close, the foremast broken at the deck and the mainmast gone. The mainmast was set, which kept the vessel on the starboard tack.

After making every effort to attract attention without success, Capt. Montano, of the Vincenzo Florio, sent a boat alongside and found the wreck deserted. The vessel was loaded with petroleum.

The British brig Electric Light sailed from New York Nov. 20 for Cape Coast and Accra, Africa. The Electric Light was built in Shaloe, N. S., in 1880, and was 205 tons burden. She was commanded by Capt. Edwards. Her consignment in this city was A. D. Straus & Co.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY A FOIL.
One Way of Settling Canal Treaty Question Suggested in London.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Westminster Gazette this afternoon radically differs from most of its contemporaries. It finds the United States' desire to take guarantees against the use of the Nicaragua Canal by an enemy as perfectly natural, but thinks that because America desires what the Senate will ask is not sufficient reason for taking it without payment, and says:

"A way out of the difficulty is to settle the vexatious Alaskan boundary against the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty."

The Annex for Men's Presents!

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Doll House Furniture, including parlor and bedroom suites, 49c.

Skin-covered Cows, large size, mounted on stands with wheels, 99c.

White Wool Sheep, large size, mounted on stands with wheels, 99c.

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Game of Parcheesi, 44c.

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all wool, made from reversible cloth, trimmed with military braid, \$7.95.

Velveteen Jackets,
imported, made with plain stitched edges; colors, navy, seal, myrtle and wine, \$14.75.

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all wool, in stripes, plaids and polka dots, \$4.50, \$5.50 & \$6.95.

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